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SUBJECT: GENERAL AMAN'S REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: SECTO 380

1. I AM REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL AMAN FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, TO DELIVER THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT. I ANTICIPATE THAT GENERAL AMAN WILL QUESTION ME CLOSELY CONCERNING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 8.3 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE AND THAT I WILL NEED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE 8.3 MILLION CAN BE UTILIZED IMMEDIATELY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

(B) THE 8.3 MILLION FALLS WITHIN THE "UP TO 11 MILLION" IN CREDIT ASSISTANCE WHICH THE USG HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED IT HOPES TO PROVIDE IN FY-75 IF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION PERMITS.

(C) WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT A FULL 11 MILLION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CREDIT ASSISTANCE IN FY-75.

(D) THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE 53 MILLION DOLLAR CEILING WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR ETHIOPIAN CASH PURCHASES.

2. PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE MESSAGE ACCURACY OF ABOVE INTERPRETATION.

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3. IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN SAY AT THIS MEETING WITH REGARD TO GENERAL AMAN'S REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN THE US MILITARY ADVISORY EFFORT (ADDIS 11137), I WOULD APPRECIATE RELEVANT GUIDANCE.

4. IN LIGHT LTG AMAN'S KNOWN SENSITIVITY CONCERNING PROTOCOL AND HIS CURRENT STATUS AS CHIEF OF STATE, WE INTEND, UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, USE HIS OWN TITLE FORMULATION (PER PARA 2 STATE 222159) IN ADDRESS BLOC ABOVE "BY DEAR GENERAL AMAN", VIZ., "H.E. LTG AMAN MICHAEL ANDOM, CHAIR MAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT" (OF ETHIOPIA).
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